

AMBULANCE STRIKE TEAM

DESCRIPTION	The Ambulance Strike Team is a group of five ambulances of the same type, either Advanced Life Support (ALS) or Basic Life Support (BLS), with common communications and a leader in a separate command vehicle. This team provides an operational group of ambulances complete with a supervisory element for organization command and control.
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Medical Services
RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Ambulance Strike Team comprises EMS personnel that provide out-of-hospital emergency medical care, evacuation, and transportation services
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss logistics for deploying this resource, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment 2. Request a minimum of four persons per ambulance for staffing to meet the two-personnel minimum and to provide for crew rest if the ambulance is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week 3. Request a minimum of six personnel for each ambulance if an operation may last five or more days 4. The quantity of ground ambulances needed depends on the nature of the mission, logistics, intensity of demand, duration of service activity, and allowance for rest periods 5. Requestor can order additional personnel to ensure the ongoing availability of resources to support the mission assignment safely and effectively 6. Support elements such as logistics and maintenance are necessary if there are 11 personnel, for example if there are two crew members per ambulance and only one person for lead responsibilities 7. Refer to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Typed Ambulance Ground Team for staffing of individual ALS or BLS ambulances

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	11	Not Specified
MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	1 - NIMS Type 1 Ambulance Strike Team Leader	Not Specified
SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER AMBULANCE	Same as Type 2	5 - NIMS Type 1 Paramedic 5 - NIMS Type 1 Ambulance Operator	Same as Type 4	5 - NIMS Type 1 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) 5 - NIMS Type 2 Ambulance Operator	Types 1 and 2 are ALS capable and Types 3 and 4 are BLS capable ambulances.
LEVEL OF CARE CAPABILITY PER AMBULANCE TEAM	Same as Type 2	ALS	Same as Type 4	BLS	Not Specified
VEHICLES EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	5 - NIMS Type 1 Ambulance (Ground) 1 - Command vehicle	5 - NIMS Type 2 Ambulance (Ground) 1 - Command vehicle	5 - NIMS Type 3 Ambulance (Ground) 1 - Command vehicle	5 - NIMS Type 4 Ambulance (Ground) 1 - Command vehicle	Types 1 and 2 are ALS capable and Types 3 and 4 are BLS capable ambulances.

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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
PATIENT CARE EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Not Applicable	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 1. Advanced ventilation and airway equipment 2. Monitoring and defibrillation equipment 3. Intravenous (IV) supplies and solutions 4. Medications	Not Applicable	1. Basic ventilation and airway equipment 2. Immobilization devices 3. Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) 4. Dressings and bandages 5. Patient restraints	Each response or mission may need additional specialized equipment or supplies.
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	Same as Type 4, PLUS: Range of supplies commensurate with the mission assignment, including PPE appropriate to the Level B hazardous material (HAZMAT) threat	PPE consistent with OSHA regulations	1. Types 1 and 3 are capable of operating in a hazardous materials environment. 2. PPE is mission-specific and varies with the working environment. PPE includes protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposure, eye and hearing protection, respirators, gloves, and masks. 2. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.134 and Part 1910.1030 address PPE requirements. 3. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 471, 472, 473 and OSHA CFR 29 Part 1910.120 address HAZMAT.
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	1. Short range, two-way portable radio (one per team member) 2. Cell phone (one per unit)	1. Consider alternate forms of communication, such as satellite phones, based on the mission assignment and task force needs. 2. Requestor should verify interoperability of ambulance communications equipment and plan for augmenting existing communications equipment.

NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Ground Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Ambulance Operator
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Emergency Medical Responder
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: Emergency Medical Technician
5. FEMA, NIMS 509: Paramedic
6. FEMA, NIMS 509: Ambulance Strike Team Leader
7. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
8. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 471: Recommended Practice for Responding to Hazardous Materials Incidents, 2002
9. NFPA 472: Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, 2013
10. NFPA 473: Standard for Competencies for EMS Personnel Responding to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, 2013
11. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
12. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
13. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted
14. American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma et al., Equipment for Ambulances, October/December 2013